

## **5. Public Involvement/Participation BMPs**

### **5.1. Overview**

This chapter describes how MDOT will fulfill permit requirements of the general public involvement and participation in storm water management programs involving state highways, right-of-ways and other facilities. The program involves the following major components:

- Follow state or federal public notice requirements, as appropriate, when notifying the public that a storm water management program must be implemented.
- Inform local stream or watershed protection organizations, if any, of activities under the storm water management program and allow them to review and comment on the storm water management program plan.

This chapter is organized as follows:

- Section 5.2. describes the BMPs that MDOT will use to keep the general public informed and involved with storm water management programs, and the measurable goals associated with each BMP.
- Section 5.3. describes the schedule for public involvement/participation BMP implementation.

### **5.2. BMP Identification and Measurable Goals**

In order to keep the public active in all aspects of the MDOT storm water management program, the following sections identify the BMPs to be implemented.

#### **5.2.1. Public Notification of Storm Water Management Program**

There are no specific state and federal transportation laws prescribing public notice requirements for MDOT applicable to the municipal storm water NPDES rules.

An electronic copy of the draft and final SWMP will be posted on the MDOT public website allowing access to the document. The public will be notified of the MDOT's public website page through the distribution of brochures and website promotion cards. Copies of the Annual Reports will also be made available on the MDOT website for public access.

This BMP will be implemented at the completion of the final distribution of this report. Measurable goals will be reported in each annual report and will include the following items:

- Type and number of media used for notification
- Number of copies of the SWMP downloaded from the website

- Number of copies of the Annual Report downloaded from the website

### 5.2.2. Notification of Local Stream or Watershed Protection Organizations

MDOT will inform local stream or watershed protection organizations of activities under the storm water management program and will allow them to review and comment on the storm water management program as it is implemented.

A list of known watershed and/or local stream organizations for the five Phase I communities is included in Appendix C. Identified watershed or local stream organizations for the five Phase I communities will be notified of storm water management program activities by MDOT. Through this notification, the watershed and local stream organizations will be informed of the overall purpose of the plan, location of the SWMP online, how to make comments on actions proposed in the plan, the date comments must be submitted by, and who to address the comments to.

This BMP will be implemented at the completion of the final distribution of this report, and once every five years, as new permits are required. Measurable goals will be reported in each annual report and will include the following items:

A list of all watershed or local stream organizations contacted about the SWMP  
Number of copies of the SWMP downloaded from the MDOT's public website page

## 5.3. Implementation Schedule

For purposes of public involvement and participation, the BMPs discussed in this chapter are summarized in the following Table 5-1.

**Table 5-1 Public Involvement and Participation Summary**

ID No.	BMP	Measurable Goals
5.2.1	Public Notification of Storm Water Management Project	Number of copies of the SWMP downloaded from the Website Number of copies of the Annual Report downloaded from the website Type and number of media used for notification
5.2.2	Notification of Local Stream and Watershed Organizations	A list of all watershed or local stream organizations contacted about the SWMP Number of copies of the SWMP downloaded from MDOT's public website page

MDOT will begin to implement these BMPs upon approval of this plan by MDEQ and the availability of funds. The following Table 5-2 is an estimated implementation schedule for all of the actions needed to fulfill the BMPs discussed in this chapter for public involvement and participation.

**Table 5-2 Implementation Schedule for Public Involvement and  
Implementation BMPs**

ID No.	Action	Year of Implementation			
		2002	2003	2004	2005
5.2.1	<b>Public Notification of Storm Water Management Program</b>				
	Final SWMP available on the website for public review	X	X	X	X
	Post the Annual Reports	X	X	X	X
5.2.2	<b>Notification of Local Stream or Watershed Protection Organization</b>				
	Notify organizations of storm water management plan	X			